Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But Ezhuva voters of that place wanted that a particular person should be nominated. Even the nominated gentleman himself put in his signature in that very petition.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I know how petitions are engineered and how this petition was drafted. I may assure the House that these nominations are effected after receiving information from the most responsible officers not only in this Department but even from the Revenue Department.

KUNNAMKULAM TOWN COUNCIL—TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES—LEVY OF

27. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Kunnamkulam Town Council has decided to levy taxes on motor vehicles;

(*b*) if so, what are the rates of taxes proposed to be levied on motor vehicles;

(*c*) what is the distance from the southern limit of the Kunnamkulam Town Council area to the Choondal Taluk toll-gate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*)

(1) Motor vehicles with metal tyres constructed to carry two tons or more	Rs. 50—0—0
(2) Do. with rubber tyres	Rs. 37—8—0
(3) Do. with less than 2 tons	Rs. 25—0—0
(4) Motor bus constructed to carry 10 or more passengers	Rs. 25—0—0
(5) Four-wheeled motor car constructed to carry more than 3 and less than 10 passengers	Rs. 12—8—0
(6) Four-wheeled motor-car constructed to carry 3 or less passengers	Rs. 10—0—0
(7) Motor cycle with side-car	Rs. 7—8—0
(8) Do. without side-car	Rs. 5—0—0

(*c*) The distance from the southern limit of the Town Council to the Choondal Toll-gate is three miles and four furlongs approximately.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state the distance from the eastern limit of Trichur

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road from the Kunnamkulam Town Council area to the Choondal Taluk toll gate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is only 2 miles. That is my information.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether the proposal to constitute Pazhanji as a Town Council was dropped by Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the next question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether the rates in the Municipalities for motor vehicles are the same?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. They are double.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In approving the rates prescribed by the Town Council, may I know whether the Government have considered that the rates fixed by the Town Council are moderate or not?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is stated in the answer that the Taluk toll is very near the Kunnamkulam town limit and if they have to go to Trichur they will have to pay again the Taluk toll. Can any car owner or bus owner in Kunnamkulam afford to pay such heavy taxes to the Government? May I know whether that aspect of the question has been considered?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think there is some confusion here. There is no toll there.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* But there is a license fee.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. It is only license fee, and license fee is different from toll. So far as license fees are concerned a motor car owner in Trichur or Kunnamkulam is more or less in the same position.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is the Government aware that the distance between the northern toll gate of the Irinjalakkuda Municipality and the Karuvannur toll gate is only two miles?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. It is so.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Kunnamkulam town limit is very close to the Vadakkancheri toll gate so that there is real hardship.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is always hardship in paying rates and taxes. I have perfectly understood that point.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But this is a special case.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not see any speciality here. That taxation is vexatious and undesirable, is a proposition I am prepared to accept.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Has the Government come to any decision regarding the declaration of Pazhanji as a Town Council?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That comes as the next question.

PALANJI TOWN COUNCIL—CONSTITUTION OF—REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST

28. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the approximate population of the area included or proposed to be included in the Palanji Town Council;

(*b*) the area proposed to be included within the Town Council limits in square miles ;

(*c*) whether representations were not made to Government by prominent citizens of the locality praying that Palanji may not be declared a Town Council ;

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) About 6,000.

(*b*) Roughly 3 square miles.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have taken any decision on the representations made by the leading citizens of Pazhanji with regard to the establishment of a Town Council there?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know the decision arrived at by the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The decision arrived at is that this question must be looked into and

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